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FROM USDEL OASGA

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FOR THE SECRETARY, ARA - AMB TODMAN; L/ARA - WILLIS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, OAS, SHUM
SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS STRATEGY AT OASGA

REF: GRENADA 0050, STATE 14239

1. USDEL TELEGRAM 29 OF JUNE 18 REQUESTING DEPARTMENT'S
AUTHORIZATION FOR CERTAIN COURSES OF ACTION WAS SENT
PIRIOR TO RECEIPT OF STATE 14239 ENTITLED VENEZUELAN
RESOLUTION.
2. THE DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTION TO THE EFFECT THAT IN
GENERAL WE SHOULD ALIGN OURSELVES WITH THE POSITION
IDENTIFIED AS THE STRONGEST IN SUPPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS
WE INTERPRET AS AUTHORITY TO PROCEED WITH ACTION OUTLINED
IN USDEL 29.

3. REGARDING THE VENEZUELAN RESOLUTION ON CHILE,
IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE IAHRC AND
PARTICULARLY AGUILAR BELIEVES THAT EVERYONE WOULD BE
BETTER OFF IF VENEZUELA WITHDREW ITS RESOLUTION.
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AGUILAR TOLD US HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE MACHIN
TO DO SO AFTERNOON OF JUNE 18. AGUILAR IS WORRIED THAT
A RESOLUTION ON CHILE THAT FAILS TO PASS WILL BE
INTERPREETED A) AS A VICTORY FOR CHILE; AND B) AS A
SIGNAL FROM THE GA THAT THE IAHRC HAS NO FURTHER
RESPONSIBILITY TO MONITOR CHILE'S RECORD. WE CANNOT
GET MORE THAN SIX OR SEVEN VOTES FOR A SEPARATE

RESOLUTION ON CHILE THAT DEMANDS A NEW SPECIAL REPORT.
EVEN COSTA RICA AND COLOMBIA WILL NOT VOTE WITH US.

4. WE SEE THE STRONGEST COURSE AS GETTING VENEZUELA
TO AGREE TO A SUBSTITUE RESOLUTION THANKING COMMISSION
FOR THIRD REPORT, NOTING IMPROVEMENT HAS OCCURED
(THIS IS FACTUALLY CORRECT ACCORDING TO THE IAHRC REPORT).
AND REQUESTING CHILE TO REPORT TO THE IAGRC BEFORE
NEXT GA ON MEASURES TAKEN TO IMPROVE HUMAN RIGHTS.

5. CHILE OF COURSE KNOWS THAT WE DO NOT HAVE THE
VOTES FOR THE VENEZUELAN RESOLUTION AND THEREFORE IT
WILL BE DIFFICULT TO PERSUADE GOC DELEGATION OT ACCEPT
SUBSTITUE RESOLUTION. THE ONLY WEAPON WE HAVE IS
OUR VOTE. IT IS IMPORTANT TO CHILE THAT THE US NOT
SPEAK AND VOTE IN FAVOR OF A CONSINUATION OF THE SPECIAL
WATCHING BRIEF ON CHILE.

6. WE ARE NOT CONFIDENT THAT WE HAVE THE ELEMENTS
OF A DEAL BUT WE BELIEVE IT IS WORTH A TRY. IN RECOMMENDING
THIS COURSE OF ACTION, WE HAVE KEPT IN MIND THE
SECRETARY'S STATEMENT THAT THE US IS NOT TRYING
TO SINGLE OUT ANY ONCE COUNTRY. IT IS ALSO WORTH
NOTING THAT THE URUGUAYANS ARE BY FAR THW WORST ACTORS
AT THIS GA. THEIR REPRESENTATIVE, ALVARO ALVAREZ, HAS
CAST HIMSELF IN THE ROLE OF SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOUTHERN
CONE. HIS TOW HOR SPEECH YESTERDAY WAS DEMAGOGIC IN
THE EXTREME.

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7. ACTION REQUESTED. UNLESS COURSE OF ACTION OUTLINED
ABOVE IS CONTRARY TO DEPARTMENT'S WISHES, WE WILL
PROCEED WITHOUT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. COMMITTEE I MEETS
AT 10 AM, JUNE 20.
MCGEE

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